



FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Update: Fischer Fire in Chelan County

LEAVENWORTH – Firefighters made progress overnight battling the 15,830-acre Fischer Fire, which is burning 4 miles southeast of Leavenworth. Late Wednesday, firefighters were successful in burning out a fire line west of Hay Canyon and retardant was used on the ridge east of Hay Canyon to slow any fire which may spot over the line in Hay Canyon. The fire continues to be the most active in the east and southeast portions of the fire as well as the interior unburned portions of Hay Canyon west of the road.

There are approximately 300 residences in the evacuation zone at this time whose residences are being protected by structure protection crews. The Red Cross continues to operate shelters in Cashmere and Wenatchee. There will be a public information meeting at 6 p.m. tonight at the Cashmere High School.

Nine task forces from Clark, Thurston, Mason, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish and Skagit counties are on the scene with 45 engines/tenders and 125 firefighters assigned with structure protection. This brings the total number of firefighters to 1,681, 105 engines, 47 water tenders, 22 dozers, and 11 helicopters.

LEVEL 3: Upper Derby Canyon beyond the pavement, Eagle Creek above Bjork Canyon, Hay Canyon, Jude Canyon, Nahahum Canyon, Ollala Canyon, Spring Canyon, and Williams Canyon.

LEVEL 2: Alpine View Estates, Anderson Canyon, Bjork Canyon, Clark Canyon, lower Derby Canyon to end of the pavement, Eagle Creek below Bjork Canyon, East Nahanum Road, Eels Road, Estes Canyon, Hughes Road, Posey Canyon – including Fox Canyon, Red Apple Road, Stevens Canyon, Warm Springs Canyon, Warner Canyon, all driveways off Hwy 2 to the northeast down to the Monitor Rock cut, and Monitor north side of Easy Street to Warm Springs/American Fruit Road intersection then north up Warm Springs (both sides).

LEVEL 1: Easy Street from School Street, Merry Canyon – between Chumstick and Dry Creek, Moon Canyon, Railroad Canyon, Old Sunset Highway, American Fruit Road at Easy Street to Knolls road where it intersects School Street and then north on School Street to the last residence, both sides (all north of Knolls/School Street intersection).

Chelan County uses the following system for evacuations:

- **Level 1:** This is an initial notification in person to inform the residents of the situation, and the process which may follow.
- **Level 2:** People are requested to consider leaving the area, or be ready to leave at a moments notice due to the high possibility of the fire reaching the area. Access back into the area may be limited at this point. This may be the only notice you receive.
- **Level 3:** The fire is in the area, people are to leave immediately. Access to the area is restricted.

Washington State Patrol Chief Lowell Porter approved the Washington State Fire Mobilization Act for the fire on August 11th. The WSP's Fire Protection Bureau subsequently dispatched three interface task forces to provide structure protection at the Fischer Fire.

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